

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF HOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES ARE HANDLED, PROCESSED, AND RESOLVED BY THE CITY, INCLUDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS.

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a widespread community problem that compromises the safety of thousands of families in the City and can have tragic, destructive, and sometimes fatal consequences; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics provided by the Hawaii Department of the Attorney General, from 2008 to 2012, 38.7 percent of murders committed in the state were domestic violence-related; and

WHEREAS, while domestic violence makes up a significant portion of violent crime, many victims do not report violence to authorities, family or friends, resulting in a possible underestimation of the number of domestic violence incidents; and

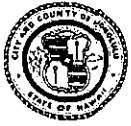
WHEREAS, recent high-profile incidents have raised concerns about the way the police and prosecutors handle domestic violence cases that are reported; and

WHEREAS, the handling of domestic violence cases by the Honolulu Police Department, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney (Prosecutor), and other government agencies affects public confidence in the ability of the City to deal with these kinds of crimes effectively and may influence whether victims decide to come forward with complaints; and

WHEREAS, the Council established a Domestic Violence Response Task Force in Resolution 15-25, FD1, to make recommendations for improving training on, reporting of, and monitoring of domestic violence cases; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2015, the Domestic Violence Task Force issued its Final Report and Recommendations, which identified a need for comprehensive aggregate data collection, including arrest rates, prosecution rates, victim engagement with advocates, conditions of sentences, probation periods, etc.; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectively evaluate the City's response to domestic violence, the Council requires information on prosecution rates, volume of complaints, and turnaround times from patrol to investigation, investigation to submittal to the Prosecutor, and receipt of the complaint to filing of charges; and



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WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that temporary restraining orders are crucial to victim protection and should be evaluated to ensure efficient and effective enforcement; and

WHEREAS, to further improve the City's policies for responding to domestic violence, the Council finds that a performance audit of City agencies involved in domestic violence response is warranted; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the City Auditor to conduct a performance audit of how domestic violence cases are handled, processed, and resolved by the City and its agencies, including the enforcement of temporary restraining orders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit: 1) determine whether domestic violence cases in Honolulu are handled, processed, and investigated in an economical, efficient, and effective manner; and 2) make recommendations for improving how domestic violence cases in Honolulu are handled, processed, and resolved; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the City Auditor, the Honolulu Police Department, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney and the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 4, 2016
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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RESOLUTION 16-1, CD1

Introduced: 01/04/16

By: KYMBERLY PINE


Committee: PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY
AND WELFARE

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

01/12/16	PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE	CR-4 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM.
01/27/16	COUNCIL	CR-4 AND RESOLUTION 16-1, CD1 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER